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MAYOR AND COUNCIL
ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND
Meeting No. 34-94

November 21, 1994

The Mayor and Council of Rockville, Maryland, convened in Public Hearing in the Council Chamber, Rockville City Hall, 111 Maryland Avenue, Rockville, Maryland, on November 21, 1994, at 7:32 p.m.

PRESENT

Mayor James F. Coyle

Councilmember Robert E. Dorsey

Councilmember Rose G. Krasnow

Councilmember James T. Marrinan

Councilmember Nina A. Weisbroth

In attendance: City Manager Bruce Romer, City Clerk Paula Jewell and City Attorney Paul Glasgow.

Re: Public Hearing: Application to Close and Abandon Public Way SCA94-0069, Mayor and Council of Rockville, Applicant.

To close and abandon a portion of E. Jefferson Street between Richard Montgomery Drive and Mount Vernon Place.

The Mayor and Council conducted a public hearing on an application to close and abandon Public Way SCA94-0069, a portion of E. Jefferson Street between Richard Montgomery Drive and Mount Vernon Place. The Mayor and Council heard all those persons whose names can be found in the official stenographic transcript. There being no other persons

wishing to testify, Mayor Coyle declared the public hearing closed at 8:15 p.m., with the record to remain open until December 5, 1994.

Re: Citizens Forum (There were no citizens who wished to address the Mayor and Council.)

Re: FYI/Correspondence

1. Councilmember Marrinan noted the burning of the Holladay-Tyler building and the order to remove the structure as of December 15. He questioned whether the City had received any reaction from the property owners on whether they intended to comply with the order. Mr. Romer responded that the reaction received has been one of full compliance; the owners have taken the necessary security measures and have done everything else the City ordered them to do. Mr. Marrinan said the building had been an attractive nuisance for some time and the amount of graffiti seemed to increase on the building over time. Mr. Marrinan commented that he was sorry that the building burned down, however, to see the building removed, was a positive step.

2. Councilmember Krasnow questioned the work the Mansion Subcommittee was engaged in regarding the construction of an elevator which would remove the coat closet from the first floor of the Mansion. Mr. Romer was asked to report on any plans for establishing some type of portable coat rack.

3. Councilmember Weisbroth remarked on the Indian Pow Wow performed by the American Indian Education Council at the Rocking Horse Center on November 19th. She

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attended the Pow Wow and said it was a worthwhile event and she encouraged everyone to consider attending the second gathering of the dancers and drummers at the Lincoln Park Community Center on November 27th.

4. Councilmember Dorsey noted that he and Mayor Coyle had attended the grand relocation of the Jobs Unlimited Upscale/Resale shop at the Talbott Center on November 13th. The Jobs Unlimited program received funding from the State and the County to provide transitional work experience for mentally challenged persons. Mayor Coyle added that he also was very impressed with the program and he hoped there was some way the City could be involved.

5. Mayor Coyle said that at the recent Montrose Neighborhood meeting, there was some discussion about home security surveys; he suggested that the City might be able to assist in the effort by providing training for trainers who could then perform home security checks for their neighbors.

6. Mayor Coyle noted correspondence received from the Rockville Chamber of Commerce expressing support for an ice rink in the community.

Re: New Business

1. Councilmember Krasnow congratulated Federal Realty on the grand reopening of the newly renovated Congressional Plaza. Ms. Krasnow said she visited the Plaza over the weekend and was amazed at the number of shoppers visiting the new stores. Ms. Krasnow said she felt the Plaza would be a positive move for economic development in the City of Rockville.

2. Councilmember Marrinan noted that the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for Rockville was available at City Hall, and he commented on the Certificate of Achievement For Excellence In Financial Reporting presented to the City.

3. Mayor Coyle said that he attended the Board of Supervisors of Election meeting on November 17th. The Board had previously met with individuals who were concerned about the onerous campaign reporting requirements and the definition of political committees and campaigns. The Board will be working with the City Attorney and City Clerk on some changes for improving the election process, and they will be requesting a worksession with the Mayor and Council in early 1995 to recommend amendments to the City's election laws and process.

Re: Video Presentation of "Serving the City"

The Mayor and Council were shown "Serving The City," an informative video which gave an overview of the City's boards and commissions. The video will be offered to Rockville citizen and community associations for their use at neighborhood association meetings. Mayor Coyle said the video was an exciting opportunity to improve outreach the City government made to the community and encourage more participation in the many opportunities for serving the community. Mayor Coyle also suggested that the video could be used in Rockville schools to help educate youths about city government.

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Re: Next Meeting

The Mayor and Council will next meet in General Session on Monday, November 28, 1994. Mayor Coyle suggested that Warren Crutchfield, a Rockville resident who teaches at Sherwood High School be recognized for being named the Maryland Parent-Teacher Associations "Teacher Of The Year."

Re: Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Mayor and Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m. to reconvene in General Session on December 12, 1994 or at the call of the Mayor.